

(b) at least one communication path

(i) along which signals

(1) representing participant audio and video

(ii) can be transmitted,

wherein the system is configured to

(a) display

(i) a first and a second directory of potential participants in which

(1) the first directory is viewable by all potential participants, and

(2) the second directory is a subset of the first directory and viewable by a single participant;

(ii) on at least one video display device; and

(b) to initiate collaboration

(i) upon a selecting participant selecting

(1) with each selected participant

(2) to define a teleconference.

22. The teleconferencing system of claim 21, wherein

(a) the second participant directory includes at least one of the group consisting of

(i) displayed icons and text

(3) representing the potential participants.

23. The teleconferencing system of claim 21, wherein

(a) a selecting participant can

(i) select

(1) at least one of the participants and

(2) at least one of a displayed set of communication types; and

wherein the system is further configured to

(i) establish communication

(1) of the selected type

(2) with each selected participant.

24. The teleconferencing system of claim 23, wherein

(a) the set of communication types includes at least one of:

(i) data conferencing, videoconferencing, telephone conferencing, sending faxes, sending electronic mail, and the sending of multimedia mail messages.

25. The teleconferencing system of claim 23, wherein

(a) the selecting participant can use

(i) at least one computer graphic user interface

(ii) to select

(1) at least one of the participant(s) and/or

(2) at least one of the collaboration types.

26. The teleconferencing system of claim 23, wherein the system

(a) defaults

(i) to a default collaboration type

(ii) upon selection of a participant.

27. The teleconferencing system of claim 21, wherein the system is further configured to allow a participant:

(a) to select

(i) a further participant

(ii) from the potential participants and

(b) add

(i) the new participant

(ii) to an existing teleconference call.

28. The teleconferencing system of claim 21, wherein the system is further configured to:

(a) allow

(i) at least one participant

(ii) access

(1) to at least one audio and/or video signal source; and

(b) reproduce

(i) audio and video

(1) based on signals

(2) from the accessed signal source

(ii) for another participant.

29. The system of claim 21, wherein

(a) a selecting participant case

(i) select

(1) at least one of the participants

(2) using a hot key.

30. A method for conducting a teleconference among a plurality of participants, each having an associated video capture and display and audio capture and reproduction capabilities, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) displaying

(i) a first and a second directory of potential participants in which

(1) the first directory is viewable by all potential participants,

and

(2) the second directory is a subset of the first directory and viewable by a single participant

(b) selecting

(i) one or more participants

(1) from among a plurality of the displayed potential

participants; and

(c) establishing communication

(i) with each selected participant.

31. The method of claim 30, wherein

(a) the second participant directory includes at least one of the group consisting of

(i) displayed icons and texts

(1) representing potential participants.-

32. The method of claim 30, further comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting

- (i) one or more desired participants
- (ii) from the first participants directory; and
- (b) selecting
 - (i) one or more desired participants;
 - (ii) from the second participant directory; and
- (c) establishing communication
 - (i) with all selected participants.

33. The method of claim 30, further comprising the steps of:

- (a) selecting a communication type,
 - (i) from a displayed set of communication types; and
- (b) establishing communication
 - (i) of the selected type,
 - (ii) with each selected participant(s).

34. The method of claim 33, wherein

- (a) the set of communication types includes at least one:
 - (i) data conferencing, videoconferencing, telephone conferencing, sending faxes, sending electronic mail and sending multimedia mail messages.

35. The method of claim 33, wherein

- (a) the step of selecting
 - (i) one or more participants
 - (ii) invokes a default collaboration type.

36. The method of claim 30, further comprising the steps of:

- (a) selecting
 - (i) a new participant
 - (ii) from among a plurality of potential participants; and
- (b) adding
 - (i) the new participant
 - (ii) to an existing teleconference.

37. The method of claim 30, further comprising the steps of:

- (a) detecting,

- (i) during a first teleconference
(1) between a first and a second participant,
- (ii) an attempt
(1) by a third caller
(2) to initiate a second teleconference
(3) with the second participant;
- (b) notifying
(i) the second participant
(ii) of the attempt; and
- (c) allowing the second participant
(i) to add
(ii) the third caller
(iii) to the first teleconference.

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38. The method of claim 30, further comprising the steps of:
- (a) allowing at least one participant
(i) access to at least one audio and/or video signal source, and
- (b) reproducing video and/or audio
(i) based on signals,
(ii) from the accessed signal source;
(iii) for another participant.
39. The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of:
- (a) allowing a participant
(i) in an existing teleconference with
(1) a plurality of other participants
(ii) to place on hold
(iii) at least one of the other participants.
40. The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of:
- (a) allowing a participant
(i) in an existing teleconference with
(1) a plurality of other participants